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Bassist Dreo Hastings plays for a full crowd in The Kirby Ballroom last Wednesday night. For the full story see the Arts and Entertainment section.

Rare disease strikes student

By Melissa Schmidt
Statesman Staff Reporter

In the fall of 2005 freshman Meredith Estes figured her sore throat and fever were just from a cold, but as her symptoms escalated to chills, dizziness and nausea, she knew something was very wrong.

"I became lethargic, forgetful and overall just not completely there," said Estes, now a sophomore.

Estes also had trouble eating and swallowing and the left side of her head became extremely swollen, she said.

"I never comprehended it being something this serious, though," said Estes. "You hear about situations of college students like this, with such things as meningitis, and you never ever think you will personally know someone that it will happen to, let alone have it happen to you."

Estes was diagnosed with Lemierre's Syndrome, a very rare medical condition. Her delayed diagnosis caused stress on her recovery process.

After visiting the emergency room twice, Estes had her tonsils and brain drained of abscess fluid. However, her condition didn't improve and several days later doctors performed a craniotomy on her left temporal region. This type of brain surgery removed part of her skull, she said.

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Chilling temperatures in Duluth

By Joel Runck
Statesman Staff Reporter

Frigid air engulfed the Midwest last week as temperatures fell as low as 42 degrees below zero on Feb. 5 in Embarrass, Minn.

During the cold wave, the Duluth low was minus 25 on Feb. 4 with winds gusting up to 20 mph. The arctic blast caught many by surprise as students scrambled for jumper cables and extra layers, while others sought an explanation for the sudden plummet in mercury.

"It has everything to do with the jet stream," said Carol Christenson, National Weather Service warning coordinator officer in Duluth. "The jet stream basically separates warm air from polar air. When the jet stream comes... as far south as... the Southern United States, that means all the polar air is coming down with it."

Students tried to cope as best they could last week during the harsh weather.

"It was pretty damn cold," said senior

Joel Bonstrom. "I sure didn't want to go outside. My truck started everyday, so that's the best thing."

Others were not so fortunate, such as senior Curt Sahli.

"I had my car jump-started on Monday," he said.

No Minnesota universities closed last week due to the weather, and UMD Vice Chancellor of Financial Operations Greg Fox said that it normally takes more than temperature to close UMD.

"We usually get one really bad snowstorm that will close campus," said Fox. "It typically doesn't happen more than once every couple of years."

Sahli, who walks about 15 minutes from his house to get to campus, sees this type of weather differently.

"With these temperatures, I'm down to (walking) once a day and fill in my time at school with a little more studying," he said.

Accompanying individuals who venture out in the extreme cold is the danger of exposed skin succumbing to frost-

bite. Christenson explained that with an air temperature of minus 25 combined with 15 mph winds, frostbite can occur in as little as eight minutes.

"It's at that point where we issue warnings to warn people of the hazards," she said.

The last time the U of M Twin Cities closed due to a weather emergency was in 1994 when former Gov. Arne Carlson ordered a shutdown of state services. In a December 2005 letter to university faculty, UMD Chancellor Kathryn Martin listed critical units that remain operational during weather-related emergencies, such units include: campus police, food services, ITSS and the facilities management heating plant.

"In general, the easiest rule of thumb to know whether or not UMD is going to be open or closed is whether or not the buses run in the city of Duluth," said Fox. "If you don't have a busing service, there's no way for thousands of people to get to the campus."

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The Statesman is issuing a retraction for the Credit Union headline on page 8 of last week's issue. The headline was misleading by implying the credit union was closing, while it still remains open for business.

NEWS NOW

PARTY GONE WRONG IN MINN.

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — A party that asked students to come dressed "politically incorrect" has prompted an investigation by Macalester College officials who learned one student was costumed as a Ku Klux Klan member and another wore blackface with a noose around his neck.

Students at the private school told administrators about the Jan. 16 party on campus.

"My initial reaction was shock," said Paul Maitland-McKinley, a member of the Black Liberation Affairs Committee, a student group. "I thought, this can't really happen on my campus."

A campus-wide discussion is planned for Tuesday.

"We hope we can start a deeper dialogue on ... why these types of activities hurt people and why they get the kind of response they do," said Jim Hoppe, the school's associate dean of students.

The student newspaper, *The Mac Weekly*, quoted senior David Nifoussi, who attended the party, as saying it was meant to be a satirical comment.

Macalester is the latest in a series of colleges to investigate student parties and incidents that have involved racial overtones.

Earlier this school year, Trinity College and Whitman College had parties where students showed up in racially offensive costumes or blackface. At Texas A&M University, students made a racist video that apparently was intended as satire, and a fraternity at Johns Hopkins University was suspended after a "Halloween in the Hood" party displayed a fake skeleton hanging from a noose.

Macalester President Brian Rosenberg sent a statement to students, faculty and staff members condemning the offensive costumes and party theme.

HARVARD GETS FEMALE PRES.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University named Drew Gilpin Faust on Sunday as the first woman president in the school's 371-year history.

Faust, a Civil War scholar and respected university insider, emerged as a candidate the school's governing body, suited to cool tensions within the faculty after the tumultuous five-year presidency of Lawrence Summers. She is the school's 28th president.

"I hope that my own appointment can be one symbol of an opening of opportunities that would have been inconceivable even a generation ago," Faust said at a news conference on campus. But she also added, "I'm not the woman president of Harvard, I'm the president of Harvard."

Two years ago Summers created an uproar when he said that genetic gender differences may explain why few women rise to top science jobs. At the height of the controversy, Faust oversaw two panels that examined gender diversity on the red-brick and white-columned campus.

She has been dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study since 2001, two years after the former women's college merged into the university as a research center with a mission to study gender issues.

Faust, 59, was elected by the seven-member Harvard Corporation, the school's governing body, and ratified by the 30-member Board of Overseers.

With Faust's appointment, half of the eight Ivy League schools have woman presidents.

Faust pivots from managing Radcliffe, a think-tank with 87 employees and a \$17 million budget, to presiding over Harvard's 11 schools and colleges, 24,000 employees and a budget of \$3 billion.

Faust will take over July 1.

NATIONS TALK TO N.KOREA

BEIJING (AP) — Envoys to talks on North Korea's nuclear program debated Monday whether to extend talks for another day amid lingering differences on initial steps for the country to disarm.

Over the previous four days, the six-country talks in Beijing have stalled over disagreements on energy assistance for the North in exchange for its abandonment of nuclear weapons.

But later after a series of meetings between delegations, a South Korean official said negotiations were expected to be extended another day.

Japan said the issue of whether to continue the talks was still under debate.

"Russia has said 'no' to extending the talks and South Korea wants them to continue. Japan is assessing the situation," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said, also on condition of anonymity.

Chinese envoy Wu Dawei told a visiting Japanese lawmaker that North Korea had agreed to shut down its main nuclear reactor, Japan's Kyodo News agency reported.

However, it was unclear if that pledge was a substantial step beyond the North's earlier stance at the start of this round of talks when the communist nation said it would take initial steps toward disarmament.

The current round of six-nation talks began on a promising note after the United States and North Korea signaled a willingness to compromise. But negotiations quickly became mired on the energy issue.

The negotiations, which include the two Koreas, the U.S., Japan, China and Russia have plodded on intermittently for more than three years.

Negotiators had hoped the latest round would result in North Korea taking its first concrete steps in dismantling

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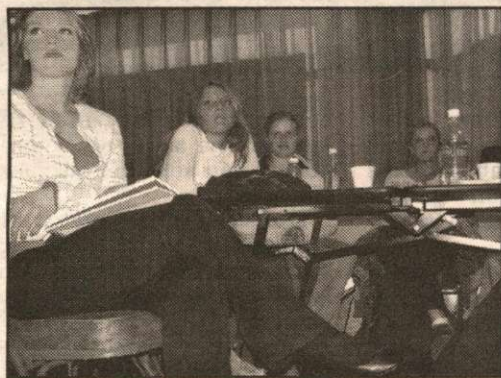
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Conference seeks to start healthy child development



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UMD students listen to speaker at conference. Danielle Beckstrand, Erica Richards, Laura Reiter and Mandy Adelman.

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Students and parents gathered in the Rafter's Feb. 2 at the Conference for Building Community Support for Healthy Children and Families in Duluth.

This event was sponsored by the psychology and education departments, and focused on building a partnership between UMD faculty and community agencies for creating healthy child development within Duluth.

"The University is sponsoring this event because there continues to be a gap between what researches are being conducted by university faculty and what services are available in the community," said Kathy Dowell, assistant professor of the department of psychology. "There is a need to improve communication and connections between university knowledge and community practice to benefit children and families."

The first speaker of the event was Dr. Martha Erick-

son. She discussed ways in which university faculty and community service providers can work together in building community support for children and families to optimize child development.

In the second half of the event, the guests made connections between specific community agencies and faculties.

It was a good way to get some information, meet people personally and make connections and think how they could work together in the future.

"All the community agencies are working in the community like we are describing, but we don't have as much connection with the university as other students volunteering so we want to form better partnership with the community agencies" said Aydin Durgunoglu.

Kristin Zilkoski, master of social works, went to the conference to extend her community network.

"I really enjoy the conference and think community connections in child and adolescent mental health is in dire need," she said. "This conference provides networking for current students and community agencies."

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Plan for low-income students

DENVER (AP) — Low-income students who might be tempted to drop out of high school or go right to work after high school could have another option.

Sen. Chris Romer, D-Denver, wants to give them a chance to work harder, earning a high school diploma and an associate's degree in five years with the state picking up the tab for the summer classes, college courses and counseling.

The payoff? The students would be able to earn nearly twice as much as they could with just a high school diploma and they could use their degree as a springboard to attend a four-year college right away or after they save some money.

Romer said scholarships aren't enough to help low-income students get into and stay in college. They need to be encouraged starting in ninth grade and given the academic skills, along with an ability to help support themselves, he said. He also thinks making the transition to college with a group of friends would help keep them in school.

The bill, set for its first hearing in the Senate on Thursday, grew out of a program at Denver's Lincoln

High School, which paid for students to attend community college to keep them from dropping out until 2005. The state education commissioner ruled that state money for public schools couldn't be used to send students to college.

School districts which have graduation rate less than 75 percent would be able to participate in Romer's proposed pilot program. There are about 20 districts that qualify, including Denver, Pueblo, Adams 14, Huerfano, Ignacio and Colorado Springs District 11.

It's not clear yet how much the program would cost since it depends on how lawmakers limit the number of students who would be allowed to participate in each district.

Separately, Romer has proposed privatizing the Colorado Lottery to provide about \$400 million for public schools and about another \$400 million for open space. If that proposal passed, Romer said there would be enough money to expand the program.

Police use pepper spray on student

KEENE, N.H. (AP) — Police say a Keene State College student was so intoxicated they had to use pepper spray to subdue him.

Officers say without the pepper spray they would have had problems getting handcuffs on 19-year-old Mark Flaherty, who was charged with resisting arrest

and alcohol possession.

Flaherty, of Southborough, Mass., will be in court Monday.

Disease causes early retirement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Longtime KARE-TV reporter Ken Speake has announced his retirement because of the long-term affects of West Nile virus.

Speake, 61, contracted the virus in 2003 and a neurologist said it has left him with brain damage in his left temporal lobe, which controls language function. That has made condensing, synthesizing and creating a story nearly impossible.

Speake is known for his delivery of long-form pieces in a deep, folksy, smooth voice. But he hasn't done a long-form story for two years because the three- to six-minute pieces became too much to handle.

After taking some short-term disability leave, Speake cut back to a four-day workweek and focused on shorter news stories. But the weariness and fatigue became too much.

"I don't like the idea of retiring at all," Speake said. "I love the work, but I'm tired of being tired. I have to come home and take a nap as soon as work's over. If I don't, then I'm pretty much wasted for the night."

Speake's thoughtful storytelling backed up with sharp reporting earned numerous awards over the years.

"Emotions that's what makes the story special," Speake explained.

"I like to show people something that they might not otherwise be able to see," he said. "I live for what I call 'Thank You, God moments' things that don't have to happen when I'm there, but they do."

"Work has caused me to appreciate life and people," he said. "It's given me an insight to the human condition. I've learned what's inconsequential to you is life-changing to someone else."

Speake's last day at KARE-TV will be Friday.

After that, Speake plans to spend more time with his wife, Donna, who is a counselor at Maple Grove High School, and his three sons, ages 17, 29 and 33. Next month, he's traveling to Australia, and in the summer, he's planning to go to Ireland and spend some time in the Boundary Waters.

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During perilous winter weather, Christenson denotes that weather forecasts are only as good as the public's willingness to listen and obey.

"The National Weather Service gives you the forecast, but it's really up to each individual to listen to what we say and heed our warnings," said Christenson.

The coldest temperature

ever recorded in Minnesota was in 1996, when Tower registered at 60 below zero, according to Christensen.

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NBC may hold a key

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby believe that NBC News holds a key to clearing him of perjury and obstruction charges in the CIA leak case.

Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, wants a federal judge to let his lawyers question Andrea Mitchell, NBC's foreign affairs correspondent, about when she learned that the wife of an outspoken Bush administration critic worked for the CIA.

Libby is charged with lying and obstructing the investigation into the leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. Prosecutors rested their case Thursday and Libby is set to begin calling witnesses Monday.

A key dispute in the case involves Mitchell's NBC colleague, Tim Russert. Libby says Russert told him in July 2003 that "all the reporters know" Plame worked for the CIA. Russert said that never happened because he didn't know who Plame was at the time.

Prosecutors say Libby concocted the Russert story to shield him from prosecution for discussing information he had learned through official government channels.

Libby's attorneys want to show that Russert had heard that Plame worked at the CIA. Former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer has already testified that he told NBC reporter David Gregory about her. If Libby

can show that Mitchell knew too, they think they can persuade jurors to believe Libby's account of the Russert conversation.

Plame was outed in a July 2003 syndicated column. Three months later, Mitchell said in a television interview that she had known Plame worked for the CIA before the column.

"It was widely known among those of us who cover the intelligence community," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has since recanted those comments and has said she can't explain them.

Though the comments seem to bolster Libby's case, it's unclear whether his attorneys will be allowed to play them for jurors. Attorneys are not normally allowed to present hearsay evidence or call witnesses simply to do so.

Mitchell is challenging a subpoena to testify in the case. A federal judge said he will hear arguments on the issue Monday.

In addition to Mitchell, attorneys have said several other journalists are expected to testify this week: New York Times managing editor Jill Abramson, Newsweek assistant managing editor Evan Thomas, and Bob Woodward, Walter Pincus and Glenn Kessler from the Washington Post.

DISEASE

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"After that I fortunately got much better," said Estes.

Her recovery consisted of infusion drug therapy for six weeks, during which Estes had to inject drugs into herself every day. Estes also had weekly doctor appointments during this time.

Estes was released from St. Luke's Hospital on Sep. 19 but wasn't actually diagnosed with a specific problem until Oct. 3.

"It was finally figured out via Dr. David Arvold [at St. Luke's], and partially because of his son who is a medical school student at Harvard had described it to him from a case study presentation," said Estes.

Lemierre's Syndrome has become a very rare disease with less than 20 cases per year since the discovery of penicillin, according to the listserv for Emergency Medical Practitioners. However, when cases do occur, the patients are often young, healthy adults. As a result, it makes the disease more difficult to diagnose.

Lemierre's Syndrome is easily treated with antibiotics, but many patients are treated for viral sore throats

and antibiotics are not needed. The condition then usually goes undiagnosed and untreated and can be fatal without antibiotic treatment, according to the listserv.

Physicians aren't sure why this disease is most often found among young, healthy adults. Medical texts rarely give information about Lemierre's Syndrome, and doctors are only able to find research based on specific cases, such as Estes', according to the listserv.

In the beginning of Estes' recovery, there was a chance of Lemierre's coming back, she said, but weekly appointments and MRIs helped to make sure it didn't.

"Right after the craniotomy I was soon back to myself, and even the doctors commented on how fast I became better," said Estes.

During her surgery, Estes had missed two weeks of school. She was advised by her doctors to take the semester off, but instead she lightened her course load and dropped several classes, she said.

Estes' disease also caused national attention. The Discovery Health Channel recently filmed a special series called "Mystery Diagnosis," which Estes was a part of. The Discovery Chan-

nel found out about Estes' bout with Lemierre's because of an article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. They then contacted Estes for filming of the show in December.

For the filming of "Mystery Diagnosis", Estes was interviewed, along with her mother, a friend and two of her doctors. They then reenacted the activities before, during and after her surgery, she said.

Estes' struggle with Lemierre's ended with a successful recovery and she learned a few things in the process.

"I guess everyone will face things in their lives that will make them appreciate all that they have and the people that they have surrounding them, and I suppose for me this is it," she said. "Perhaps not only would I suggest for students to pay attention to their health, but to pay attention to themselves, to their lives, to their families. You only live once, so make the most of it."

Estes' story aired on KSTP during the 10 o'clock news on Feb. 11 and 12, and the "Mystery Diagnosis" episode will air on the Discovery Channel sometime in March.

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Arts & Entertainment

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

UMD students 'Rush Together' for Quietdrive



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UMD students cheer on Kevin Truckenmiller of Quietdrive on Wednesday night.

By Renae Conrad

Statesman Staff Reporter

By Michael Kantor

Guest Contributor

Lines outside Kirby Ballroom on Wednesday night stretched as far down as the Dining Center as students stood waiting in excitement for **REVIEW** Minneapolis-based band Quietdrive and California based-Ronnie Day.

"I've been listening to Quietdrive for three days straight, and I am so excited for the show," said junior Minh Nguyen.

Quietdrive opened up the show with a new song called "Pretend." They also played other crowd pleasing favorites such as "Rise From the Ashes," "Take a Drink with Me," "Time After Time" and others.

This wasn't the first time Quietdrive played at UMD. In the spring of 2005, they played a show on-campus under their old name Sneaker-2Bomb. Since then, other than a name change, a lot has changed for the band, much of which comes from the success of the band's most recent album "When All That's Left of You." Despite the band's recent success, they were not sure what to expect from the crowd before the show.

"We played for 1,000 drunk kids in Dallas the other day," said Kevin Truckenmiller, Quietdrive lead vocals, guitarist and violinist. "It was kind of a different reaction than the reaction we get from Minnesota crowds and Midwest colleges; it's a

great response."

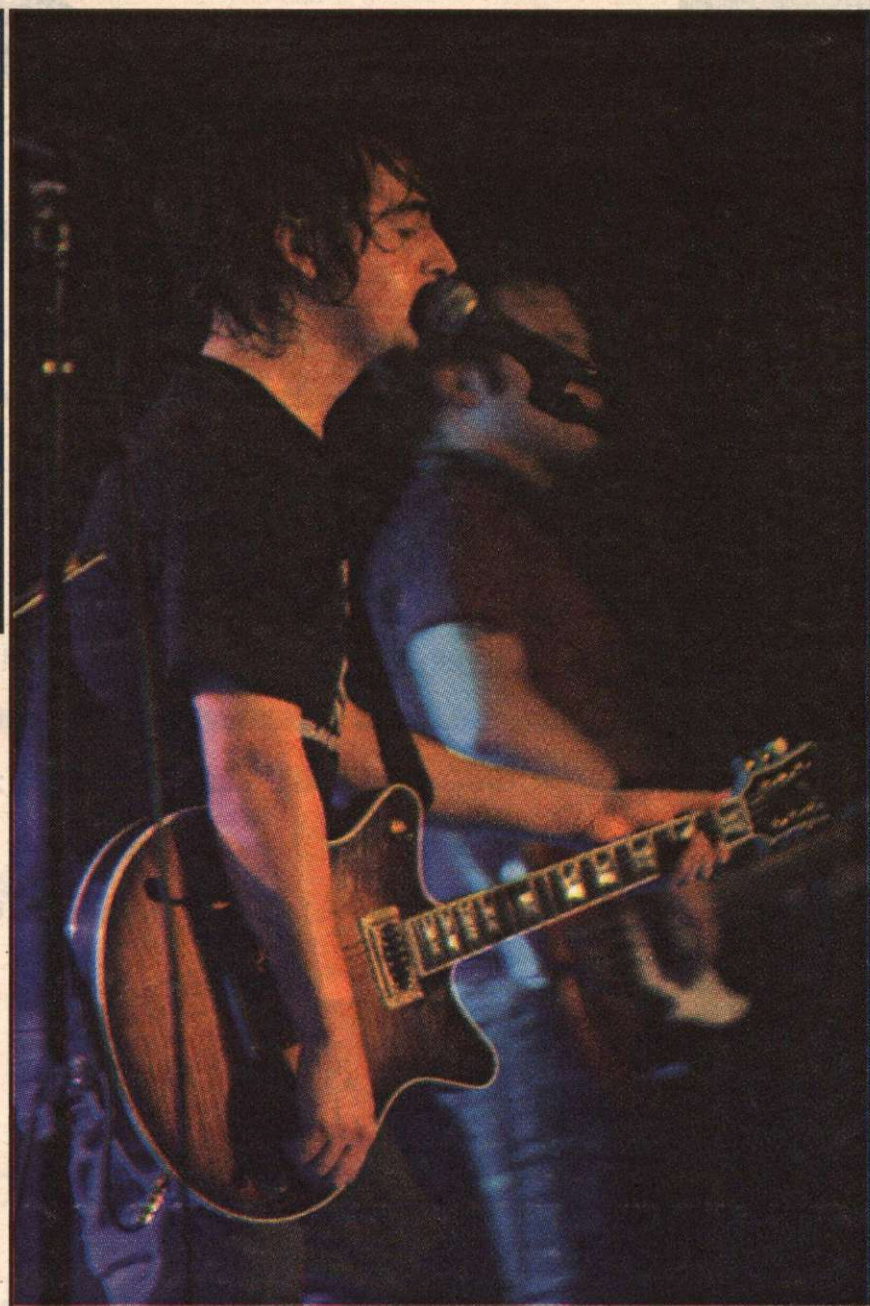
After the show, the band felt they had played a good set. However, regardless of what they think after every performance, band members check their MySpace profile to find out how the fans felt about the show.

"As stupid as it sounds, we all love to go on MySpace and check out what people are saying about the songs and shows," said Truckenmiller. "That gives us the fuel that we thrive off of and then we go to shows, that helps us even more."

Fan input is not the only reason why Quietdrive members check MySpace. The band credits sites such as MySpace and PureVolume for expanding their fan base, reaching out to fans that wouldn't have otherwise heard their music.

The band's recent success may not have anything to do with the Internet, or it may have everything to do with the Internet. Whatever it is, the band is doing something right. At their most recent show in Minneapolis, Quietdrive sold out a concert at First Avenue, a popular rock venue.

"It was kind of surreal," said Truckenmiller. "I didn't realize it was going to happen, but it did. I guess I'm always looking at the next step. I never try to let today's successes cloud my vision of tomorrow. When you think of a number, you think of one, two or three people coming to your show. When you get to a number, like 100, it's like wow and then like 300, 400 or 500 and



LARAMIE CARLSON/STATESMAN

Matt Kirby of Quietdrive plays guitar to a Ballroom filled with 550 students.

then even a show of 1,100. At which point does that number mean more to you? I'm just happy that there are 50 kids at a show."

Quietdrive ended the show playing their first single off the album "Rise from the Ashes," immediately the Ballroom screamed and shouted demanding an encore. After the guys returned to the stage, a tune began to play that any victim of pop-culture would love... Britney Spears', "Toxic."

"The response I have got from the fans is that they like 'Rush Together'

a lot because it really relates to the stories that they had when they grew up," said Truckenmiller. "If nobody had that kind of a story they tend to like 'Rise from the Ashes' because it helps them with personal struggles in life. It all depends on the fan really."

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Last chance for singing Val-O-Grams

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With another holiday season, the University Singers are back in action. Val-O-Grams are here for Valentine's Day. The University Singers, some of the most talented singers on campus, are here to help out some last minute gifters. They offer a fun and cheap way to tell that special someone what they mean to you.

"The singing telegrams are becoming more and more popular," said Professor Stan Wold, director of University Singers. "Last Christmas we had the most we've ever had."

The University Singers are trying to raise money for a trip this spring to Turkey. There they plan to do performances and take a class in foreign studies. In addition, the Singers plan to raise funds for a trip to two different high schools to perform there as well.

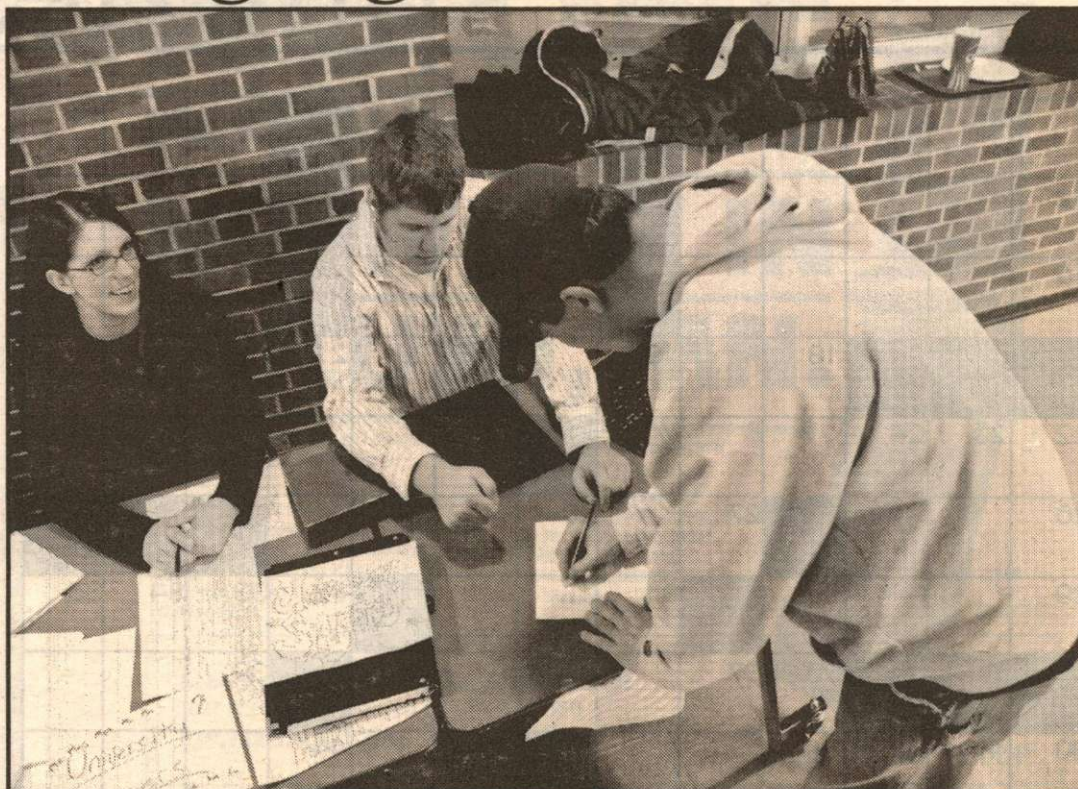
The Val-O-Grams are a variety of popular love songs

that can be recognized by just about anyone. The Val-O-Grams can take place just about anywhere on campus, in a dorm or during one of those agonizingly long classes. Some professors don't allow them though, but Professor Wold assures that classes are carefully checked and run by the professor first.

"We had a couple singers come to a class last semester," said freshman Andrew Johnson. "They really were great and the girl sitting in front of me seemed so surprised."

Val-O-Grams are still being signed up outside the Tweed Museum. The money is going to a good cause, and it's a healthy break from class for that special someone, not to mention much cheaper than flowers. If you still want to sign up be quick because space is limited.

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Olivia Seifert and Michael Rich help Justin Cadotte sign someone up for a singing Val-O-Gram.

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Eddie Murphy's 'Norbit' tops weekend movie charts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Murphy's comedy "Norbit," in which he plays three wildly different roles, opened as the top weekend movie with \$33.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The DreamWorks production easily beat the debut of the MGM-Weinstein Co. thriller "Hannibal Rising," a prequel about "The Silence of the Lambs" serial killer Hannibal Lecter that came in at No. 2 with \$13.35 million.

"He wasn't that visible on marquees in huge hits for a while, then suddenly every time you turn around, it's 'Wow, what a surprise. Eddie is great,'" said DreamWorks spokesman Marvin Levy.

But while it was the year's biggest opening so far, "Norbit" was not able to lift Hollywood out of its box-office funk that has seen revenues fall for six straight weekends. The top 12 movies took in \$91.3 million, down 10.5 percent from the same weekend in 2006, when "The Pink Panther" and "Final Destination 3" both debuted in the \$20 million range.

"Norbit" was the 14th No. 1 opening for Murphy

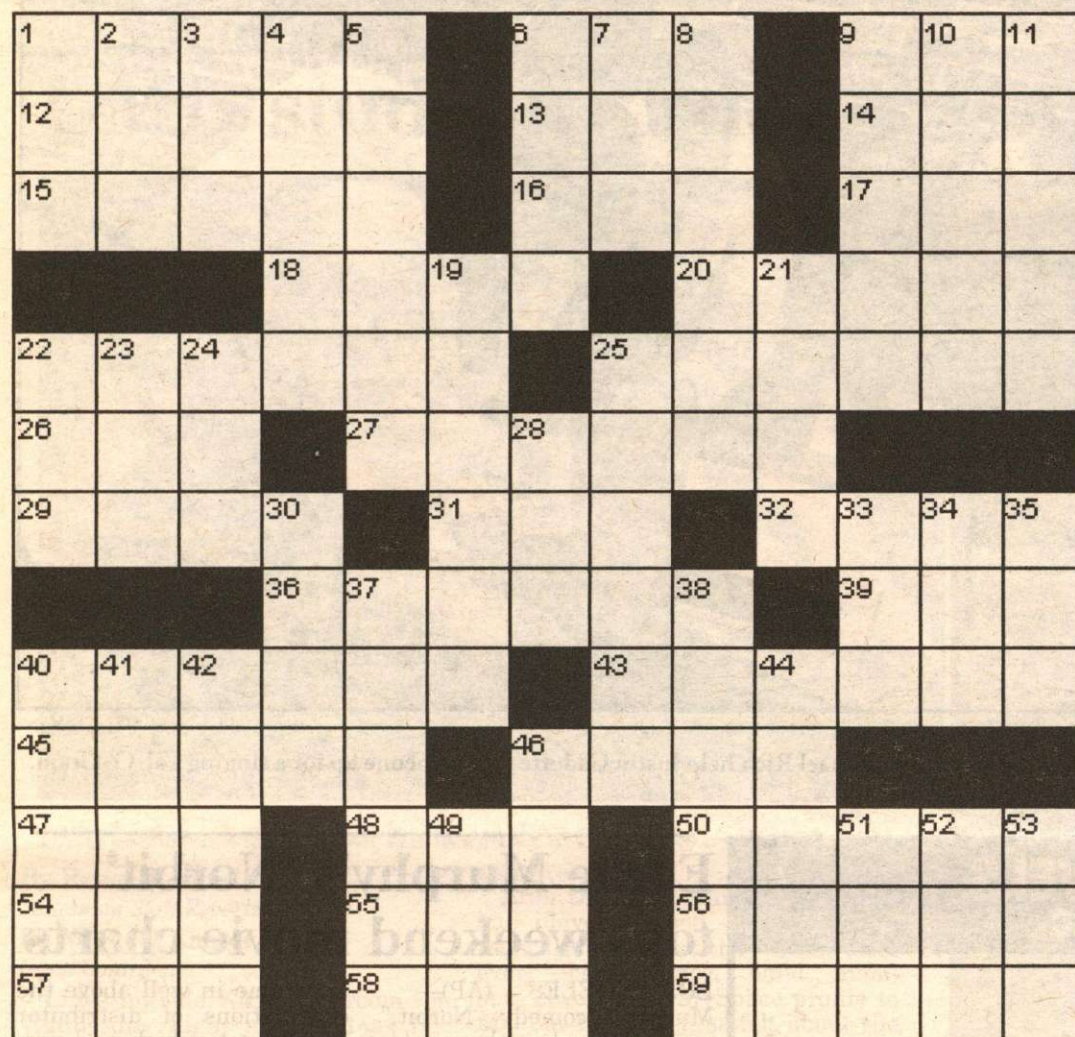
and came in well above the expectations of distributor Paramount, which had projected the movie might pull in about \$25 million over its opening weekend.

The movie was trashed by critics, but the lure of Murphy again handling multiple roles as he did in "Coming to America" and "The Nutty Professor" proved irresistible. Murphy plays mild-mannered Norbit, his grossly overweight and overbearing wife and a Chinese orphanage owner who raised him.

Murphy has another sure hit coming in May with DreamWorks' animated sequel "Shrek the Third," in which he reprises his voice role as gabby sidekick Donkey.

"It really doesn't get much better than this for an actor at this point in your career," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Media By Numbers. "This is a guy whose career has spanned over two decades, and he's still as viable a box-office star as anyone out there."

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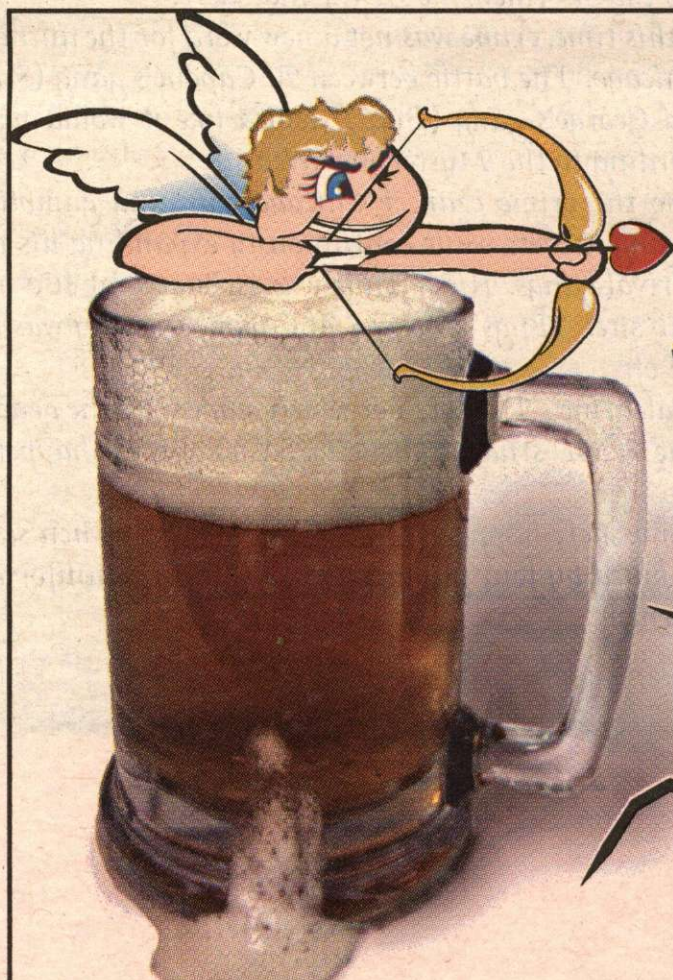
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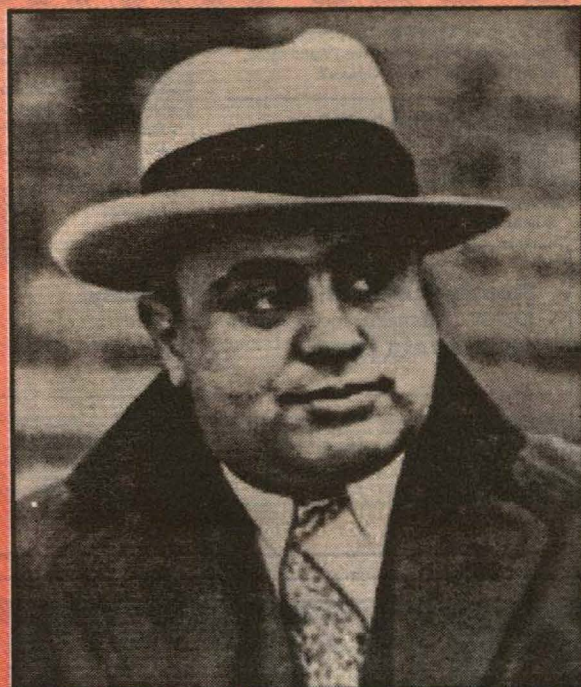
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St. Valentine's Day Massacre



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By Miriana Hingel
Statesman Staff Reporter

Most of the time people associate Valentine's Day as a time of romance, flowers, candy, good memories and time spent with their loved ones. This wasn't the case on Feb. 14, 1929. This day was one of blood, death and what is now known as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

At this time, crime was not a new word for the authorities of Chicago. The battle between Al Capone's gang (Scar-face) and George's gang (Bugs) seemed like it would never end, according to the MysteryNet Web site.

Al Capone became the crime czar of Chicago, running gambling, prostitution and bootlegging rackets while continuously expanding his terrorism by getting rid of rival gangs. His fortune was estimated at \$60 million, according to the Web site. "Bugs" Moran, Al Capone's enemy was not an easy person to get rid of.

The murders of Valentine's Day are not widely known by the general population. However, one UMD student knew the basics of what happened that day.

"All I know is that massacre happened in Chicago in 1929 when seven members of a gang were killed by four gunmen dressed in police uniforms," said senior Chris Odoemenem.

On the morning of Feb. 14, four men stole a police car and went to a large garage behind the offices of S.M.C. Cartage Company. They jumped out of the car and quickly went inside the garage. Two of them were dressed in police uniforms.

When the gunmen ran into the garage, the seven men inside saw the uniforms and thought that was a routine police raid. They were told to face the wall and after that the gunmen opened fire. Each of the seven victims received at least 15 bullets, mostly in the head and torso.

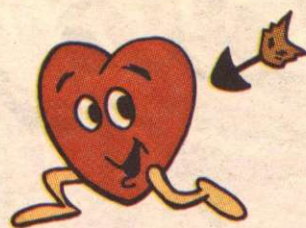
What made this crime so well known was the fact that this was such a violent, unexpected act that impacted the nation. Six of the victims died in the garage. Frank Gusenberg was the only one found alive. He was taken to the hospital and when asked for identity of the killers, he just said "I'm not gonna talk." He died after that, the Web site states.

Al Capone was in Miami with his family when the massacre happened. The police never had enough evidence to convict him for the murders of the St. Valentines Day Massacre.

Odoemenem acknowledged that he thought the premeditated act was very clever.

"If I was a gangster, I would think it was a good idea," he said. "As a humanitarian, I think they are evil."

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studentlife

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Surviving Valentine's Day: 101

Sex in the
UniverCity
by Mary Callahan

Cupid's arrow has struck us in the ass again, and the holiday dedicated to love is here. This holiday is not a favorite for many people. In fact, it is pretty much despised.

Only 27 percent of people polled said that they feel loved on Valentine's Day, according to a recent survey by internetnews.com.

I have personally had my fair share of bad Valentines, which has resulted in an eternal hatred for it.

Not only is this holiday slightly despised, it is also stressful for many people. It's the anxiety of what to get for that special someone that makes couples nervous.

There are do's and don'ts of Valentine gift giving to keep in mind for this Hallmark celebration. Your gift shows your affection and degree of commitment towards them.

The meaning of your gift also varies according to the seriousness and the type of relationship you're in, according to askmen.com. You don't want to get something that could freak them out or make them think you meant more by it.

The main rule of Valentine's Day is to remember when it is. Once I had a boyfriend who told me that he forgot. A tip for men: don't ever use this excuse, ever! No woman will ever believe you since it is the same day every damn year, and it's advertised, literally, everywhere.

Guys, if you're stuck in a rut and don't know what to get, why not go for flowers. Pick a bouquet that suits her. The most common favorite is roses because they never fail to say "I love you." Don't settle for fake flowers either. Speaking from a personal experience, that was not OK.

Guys can't go wrong by giving their girl some sexy lingerie that she will, of course, put on. If it feels too soon to give underwear, you could get her a set of cute valentine pajamas.

If you have a girlfriend who is hard to shop for, you could give her a gift certificate to a spa to get a massage, manicure, pedicure, etc. Every girl loves to be pampered, and if it's not by you, it might as well be from you. Rather than a gift certificate, I got a coupon, that's right a coupon, to Perkins for Valentine's Day one unforgettable year. A gift like this doesn't even say "I like you."

If you've decided not to give a gift, you should share a special date. You could even recreate the first date that you had with each other to relive that good ol' "honeymoon phase."

If you feel like spending a lot, you could do a weekend getaway for two and go skiing or lock yourselves in a cabin for quality alone time. But, if your wallet is feeling slim, you could impress her in the kitchen

and cook a nice dinner. Girls always love something personal that comes from the heart.

As for giving a gift to a guy, I had quite a few popular responses for what suits their Valentine needs. Some of them included: concert tickets, a Netflix subscription, a Playboy or Hustler subscription or just his special someone in some sexy lingerie.

"The best thing a girl can give a guy is probably sex," said a sophomore male. "No doubt about it. We don't need a gift or anything. Sex will be good enough."

Some guys said gifts that would be too emotionally involved wouldn't be a good idea.

"I wouldn't want something that was more serious than our relationship," said senior Cody Backman.

A few other guy gifts to steer clear from are teddy bears, flowers, a sing-o-



Last minute date ideas perfect for impressing

By Julie Rauscher
and Danielle Tideman
Statesman Staff Reporters

For all you ladies and gentlemen who have yet to plan the perfect Valentine's Day date for your significant other, don't worry. Options still remain open in time to make you look like a romantic genius.

If you're lucky enough to have a date who loves to play and get wet, then the Valentine's Night at the Edge water is the place for you. You can "Play 'n the Park" from 4-9 p.m. They recommend you make reservations ahead of time so call (218)

728-3601 today. The event includes pizza, soda and four wristbands for \$79. If you want to spend the night, it's only an additional \$20.

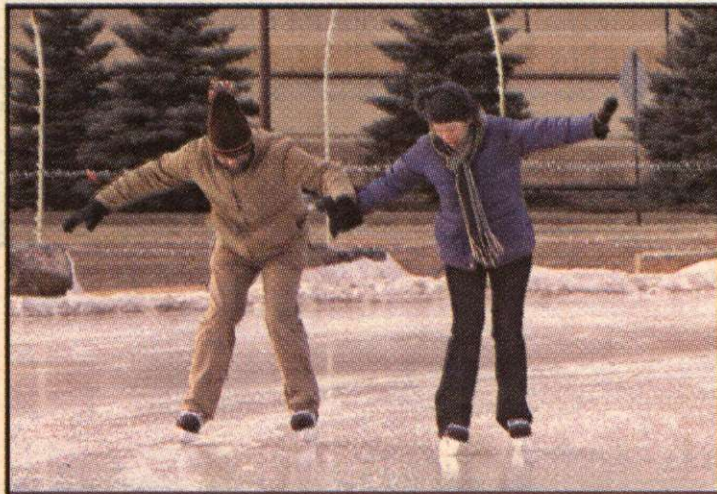
If your date is an old-fashioned romantic, he/she might enjoy the ballet. On Valentine's Day, the Minnesota Ballet Company is performing "Romance of Dance" at the DECC starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$12-\$31 for students, \$15-\$41 for adults. Call (218) 722-5573 for more information.

A perfect way to spend a more causal date is by knocking down a few pins and pitchers of beer at Skyline Bowling's Cosmic Bowling Night, where a game costs

you \$2 and shoes are \$2 to rent. It's college night so feel free to make it a group date, especially if you want to relieve a little pressure from the stress of Valentine's Day.

Love the winter? Then try a little ice skating at Bayfront Skating Rink in Canal Park from 4-8 p.m. It's free to use the ice rink, and you can rent skates at the family center, however sizes are limited so it's best to bring your own.

For the traditionalists who enjoy dinner dates, there are plenty of romantic hot-spots around the city to get a classy meal.



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Ricardo Lhmoe (left) and Zoey Cohen skate at Bayfront Park.

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Valentine's Day the old-fashioned way

By Julie Rauscher
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It's the day that greets us once every 365 days. For some it seems like a lifetime to wait for the most romantic day of the year. However, many others dread the day that gifts, flowers and dinners remind them how alone they are. Regardless of how you feel this Valentine's, it's never a bad time to curl up with a movie, no matter what your relationship status.

For the Anti-Valentine...

♥ **"Valentine"** (2001) Remember the good ol' days when you were forced to give all the kids in your class a Valentine, even the ones who smelled questionable? Maybe it would have been best if the cast of this movie abided by those traditions instead of rejecting poor Jeremy Melton (Joel Palmer) who ends up getting revenge on all those who wouldn't be his Valentine, including Izzy from "Grey's Anatomy."

♥ **"Enough"** (2002) Jenny from the Block ain't letting no man keep her down. Even if it means changing her name, moving her daughter across country and eventually learning some kick-ass fighting skills to protect herself from her abusive husband (Billy Campbell).

♥ **"First Wives Club"** (1996) You may not be able to trust husbands, but you can always rely on your girls. Best friends. FOREVER.

♥ **"Unfaithful"** (2002) Nothing

says "I love you" more than a cheating wife who does it with a hot foreign guy... all over the city. Poor Richard Gere plays the loyal husband to Diane "I'm a whore" Lane. Safe to say, you won't exactly feel like committing to a serious relationship after watching this flick.

♥ **"Closer"** (2004) It's the typical "he loves her" but "she kinda likes that other guy" who "has a girlfriend but fancies her as well" story. When true love is beaten by what is most convenient.

♥ **"John Tucker Must Die"** (2006) Four smokin' hot girls combine forces to take down one smokin' hot guy. A movie that reassures girls that they don't have to take a backseat to a playa.

For those who are in love with love...

♥ **"Titanic"** (1997) The movie that made homeless men hot and me pose for my first nude painting. Be prepared for the twist at the end...

♥ **"The Notebook"** (2004) The movie that pretty much every girl has tried to get every guy to watch... and for good reason. Real-life couple Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams star in this heart-breaking film that will make you cry

and want to take a boat ride in the rain... while making out.

♥ **"Ghost"** (1990) Next time Patrick Swayze should just give the guy his wallet and then dazzle him with his dirty dancing skills instead of getting shot and leaving love Demi Moore behind. He is so selfish. Best scene: When the couple creates a phallic-shaped clay pot to the sexy crooning of the Wright Brothers. Worst Scene: That hideously ugly sir on the subway.

♥ **"When Harry Met Sally"** (1989) For the friend who's always been there for you and with whom you have always wondered if there was something more. Harry (Billy Crystal) and Sally (Meg Ryan) star as a pair who start out hating each other, become best friends and cross the thin line between love and friendship.

♥ **"Beauty and the Beast"** (1991) **"WHO COULD EVER LOVE A BEAST?"** For ladies who are dating a man who just isn't up to par in the looks department, maybe he was mean and he was coarse and unrefined, but now he's dear and so you're sure there may be something there

that wasn't there before.

Even the guys will enjoy these...

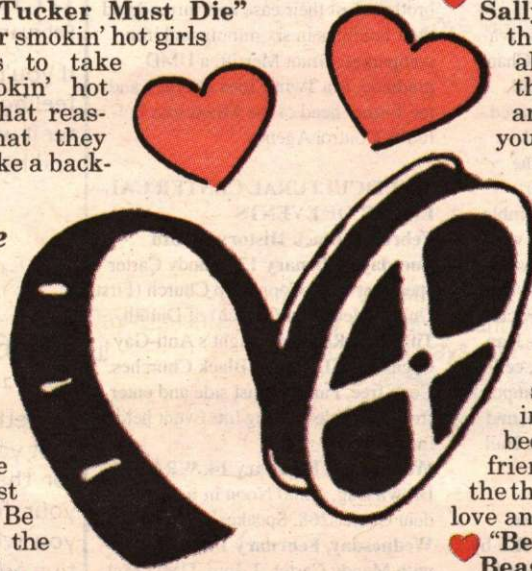
♥ **"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"** (2003) This movie should be renamed to How Many Times Can Kate Hudson Drive Matthew McConaughey Stark-Raving Mad While Still Winning His Heart. Full of laughs, this film gives a little insight to the way some girls' and guys' minds work.

♥ **"Top Gun"** (1986) Pour one out for Goose, put on a cassette of Berlin's "Take My Breath Away" and remember the days when Tom Cruise wasn't completely crazy... other than being crazy for Kelly McGillis.

♥ **"The Wedding Singer"** (1998) A perfect mixture of comedy and cuteness. The girls will love the ending where Adam Sandler performs the sweet "I Want to Grow Old With You." The guys will love the jokes, crazy characters and Ben Stiller's very attractive wife.

♥ **"An Officer and A Gentleman"** (1982) While the most memorable scene of this flick ends when Debra Winger gets swept off her feet by studly Richard Gere, guys will enjoy the Navy training sessions where Gere gets whipped into shape by his intense drill sergeant (Louis Gossett Jr.). A very dramatic and well-acted film full of emotion and passion.

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For supper with a view, try out the Top of the Har bor, a rotating restaurant that gives you a 360 degree look at the entire city. Reservations are recommended so call (218) 727-8981 to get a seat. Dinner is served from 4:30-10 p.m.

To avoid the crowds, take a little drive outside of town towards Cloquet where you'll find Dry Dock, a bar and grill off of Midway Drive. It provides a quieter atmosphere where the two of you can talk while enjoying delicious dishes.

Right off the Scenic Drive you will find Nokomis Restaurant and Bar,

which is having a Valentine's Night special. For \$39 per person, you can enjoy a five-course meal.

Duluth is in America's top 10 outdoor towns, according to Outside Magazine. Therefore, celebrate the uniqueness of our city by taking your date on a drive up the North Shore, complete with hot chocolate and a stop by the Two Harbors lighthouse. Enjoy the stars away from the city lights and make sure to take a car that has a well-running heater.

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Tickets for the following UMD Music concerts are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased by calling the UMD Ticket Office at 218-726-8877 or

visiting the ticket office located in the Marshall Performing Arts Center Monday - Friday between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ticket sales begin at Weber Music Hall box office 1 1/2 hours prior to the performance time.

Sunday, February 18, 2007 - University Singers Benefit Concert, Support UMD University Singers as they raise funds for their trip to Turkey in May. Enjoy many styles, musical media, and a lot of fun! Stanley R. Wold, director, Weber Music Hall, 3:00 p.m. - \$10 / \$8 / \$5

Thursday, February 22, 2007 - Ovation Guest Artist Concert: Oslo Chamber Choir, Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - \$25/\$20/\$15 All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 - The Winds of Change!, UMD Concert Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform music that has changed wind band repertoire over the past 20 years. Weber Music Hall, 3:00 p.m. - \$6/\$5/\$3
Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - Faculty Artist Recital: U3 Trio Concert - Jean R. Perrault, violin; Betsy Husby, cello; and Jeanne Doty, piano, play compositions by Brahms, Kodály, Haydn, and Händel-Halvorsen. Weber Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. - Free

UMD Theatre is proud to present: HANDING DOWN THE NAMES by Steven Dietz. Directed by Tom Isbell - February 8 - 11 & 14 - 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m., except Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All performances are in the Marshall Performing Arts Center at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Call 218-726-8561 to purchase tickets.

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JOURNEY JARGONS

February 26 - "Umeå Sweden"- KPlz 311. Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her husband also spent time in Stockholm,

Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

LECTURES

January 29 - "Merritt v. John D. Rockefeller" - Rafters. Grant Merritt, grandson of Alfred Merritt, co-discoverer of iron on the Mesabi Range, will relate a series of events that led to the Merritt's landmark lawsuit against John D. Rockefeller. In what is arguably the most sensational court case in St. Louis County, the Merritt brothers lost their case and surrendered their holdings in six mining and iron companies. Grant Merritt, a UMD graduate, is a Twin Cities attorney and the former head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February Black History Month

Tuesday, February 13, Mandy Carter speaks at 6pm, Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church) of Duluth. Title: The Religious Right's Anti-Gay Organizing Tactics in Black Churches. Cost: free, Park on East side and enter from east side parking lot. Event held in social hall.

Wednesday, February 14, WRAC Brown Bag, 12:00 Noon in Kirby Student Center 268, Speaker TBA, free
Wednesday, February 14, Reception with Mandy Carter, 2-4pm, UMD Multicultural Center. For info call Angie Nichols: 726-7300

Thursday, February 15, Mandy Carter speaks: Title of her talk is "Justice or Just Us?" UMD Kirby Ballroom, 6pm. Free and open to the public. Ms. Carter is an "out" black lesbian social justice activist from the south. See more online about her at: <http://www.d.umn.edu/mlrc/glb/events.htm>

Horoscope

By Stefanie Morrison
Statesman Staff Reporter

aquarius

January 20 - February 19

You're full of intensity and passion today and are attracting people left and right. Take that positive energy on with you throughout the week.

pisces

February 20 - March 20

If you're scared to let out your feelings in person write a letter it will be much appreciated and has long been waited for.

aries

March 21 - April 20

Something has been going on that you're anxious about and for the right reasons tonight your fears will be lifted and you will gain a new perspective on another.

taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't waste all of your energy wishing for something you don't have. Look around you and take in all you do have. Sooner or later a relationship will come around so enjoy your single status while you can.

gemini

May 22 - June 22

Your efforts in love never seem to come up with desired results, but all of that is about to change. Accept an invitation this evening, and you will see for yourself.

cancer

June 23 - July 23

There is no need to be embarrassed of your feelings for another. It's Valentine's Day-open up and give yourself a chance to get what you most desire.

leo

July 24 - August 23

Don't let material desires get in the way of love. Valentine's Day shouldn't be about the gifts you receive, but about the person holding your hand.

virgo

August 24 - September 23

Today is a great day to tell the people in your life that you love them. There is one person in particular you have been withholding this information from let him/her know, and you will be happy with their answer (to say the least).

libra

September 24 - October 23

You're being extra spontaneous today and are going to have your best Valentine's Day yet. A surprise is just around the corner; don't expect to get much sleep tonight.

scorpio

October 24 - November 22

Embrace yourself today. You are wonderful whether single or in a romantic relationship. Take time for yourself, and do what you want to do.

sagittarius

November 23 - December 22

Valentine's Day is starting to bring you down don't let it. This "holiday" is not just for lovers, it's also a time to head out with your friends, get a little crazy, and have some fun!

capricorn

December 23 - January 19

You have out done yourself with thoughtfulness today and will be making more than one person happy. Your kindness will not be overlooked; just make sure you don't overlook yourself.

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CUPID'S COURIER

Dear Tara,
I love you very much and I hope
you have a wonderful Valentine's
Day! You are you beautiful!

Love,
Jason

Mike thank you for always being
there to support me. You are my
favorite. Love you.

Ali

Hannah Simpson you are the
sun and the moon no matter how
much you hate deoderant and
smell a lot. hope that "wart"
is gone!

Love Matty B.

Happy Valentine's to all.
Love, Jesus

Ted,
I know we've had great times
together. You have the softest
lips and biggest heart. I burn

Love Always,
your girl Mary Jane

Happy Valentine's Day Smush!
Love You!

Happy Valentine's Day Poch-ee!
Your special present is in the
locker. I always win! I love
you babe!

Andrea

Happy Valentine's Day
Brandon! Thank you for being
such a great sweetheart!

Love,
The Ladies of
Gamma Sigma
Sigma

To: Baby Girl From: Dan
Roses are red, Violets are blue
there ain't no better girlfriend
than you. Love you have a
Happy Valentine's Day.

D,
you see me pushin my cart,
embarrassed me with a fake
fart, I just want to say
Happy V-Day!

B.

X-Tina Ballerina: if you were a
sauce packet at Taco Bell, it would
would go: Mild, Hot, Fire, X-tina.
Stay foxy!

Smooches,
The Dynamic Duo.

Love of my Life:
I can't wait to meet you at The
Dating Game in the Rafters at
10pm on Valentine's Day.

See you there

Shmookie:
I'm sorry you have to be in jail on
Valentines day. I'll post bail on
Friday when I get paid!
Stay strong. Love ya.

Buttercup,
You are my best friend and the
love of my life. I give you my
heart now and always. Be
mine Valentine!

Love,
Mandi

To: Jennifer Terzinski
From: Your Secret Admirer
Roses are red, violets are blue
there aint no one as cute as
you. Happy Valentine's
day babe.

Dearest Sammy, Zumies is not where
your heart belongs. Ridgeview Lanes
will bring your young and naive heart
much more enjoyment. Open your
eyes and heart to something that
can truely make you whole. You
can find it on Carlisle.

#umor

Happy Flava Day



AP PHOTO

By Ted Norgaard
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There are few events that I dislike more than Valentine's Day.

Let me take that even further; I hate Valentine's Day. If (or should I say when) I complete my goal of world domination, there are going to be a couple of changes in the holidays we celebrate.

First and foremost, Valentine's Day shall be abolished. Furthermore anyone caught observing or even thinking about this most disgusting of days shall be awarded a deluxe five-year stay at Guantanamo Bay, torture included at no extra charge.

At first I anticipate encountering resistance and

a little bit down the road I may even encounter "La Résistance."

Even you may disagree with me, but you haven't let me finish yet. I'm not that type of guy; I'm more about the give than the take. I take Valentine's Day and give you Feb. 14, Flava Flav Day.

Yes, I can envision this great holiday now. Everybody will have to buy a big wall-clock to wear as a necklace.

At least three times an hour you have to say "Yee-aaah Boiee," and throughout the day and night, Public Enemy is to be played at a decibel level no lower than 110, which, for those of you who don't know their decibels, it's about the same amount of noise a jackhammer makes.

To make this holiday even better Flava Flav himself will assign everyone on the earth a nickname. Mine might be something like M.C. Powder, in reference to my dominating microphone control and to the movie "Powder", which is about an

albino that would be mocking my albino-ish look with my pale skin and blond hair.

Another cornerstone of Flav's day will be the viewing of all of Flava Flav's reality shows including "The Surreal Life," "Strange Love" and "The Flavor of Love." Everyone must watch at least one episode from each of these series starring Flav.

Are you ready for the best part of this new special day? After your initial investment in a clock necklace, the holiday is free. No expectations to buy your sweetheart flowers, dinner, chocolates or expensive shiny stuff.

So after your clock, the only thing you'll have to pay for is however much crunk juice you choose to consume on this great day.

It might seem hard to adjust to this new holiday at first, but as long as you look at it like you have no choice I figure by our fifth Flava Flav Day you won't even remember the horrible day we once called Valentine's Day.

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TOPTEN

Gifts Not To Get Your Girlfriend For Valentine's Day

By Steve Jacobs
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10. That new weight loss drug as advertised on TV
 9. A partridge in a pear tree... What? No!
 8. "Sandwich Making For Dummies"
 7. Two tickets to the historic NorShore Theater (if you don't get this, keep up on your local news)
 6. Dinner at Duluth's finest eatery, the cotton candy and popcorn cart in the Burning Tree Mall.
 5. Menards gift card - Although, she might be in the market for a new pneumatic drill.
 4. A free massage from that guy on Superior Street who yells at cars.
 3. A scale replica of "Wild Ricing Moon" made lovingly with macaroni and glitter
 2. A paper bag
 1. "William Shatner sings Barry Manilow" Of course it's real, would I make stuff up?
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Letters To People

By Austin Bowyer
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Dear Chad Hurley and Steve Chen (the creators of YouTube),

I want to thank you for the greatest invention on Earth. When I am depressed and feeling alone, I can just log on and watch CrazyStacy12 talk about her family problems. It's refreshing to know anything and everything about some girl from Connecticut.

Or when I am bored I can watch some teenage girl dance in her pajamas to Fergie thanks to kiwi112392. She is really furthering the feminist movement. I really wish the university would allow us to cite YouTube because it's just so informa-

tive. I feel that I get some great political and social insight from ummahfilms, and I can't use it for papers because he's not a credited source, I think the university is prejudiced against people with bad teeth.

What is great about YouTube is that there are so many other people just like me out there, and with your creation, I can watch them do nothing and talk about nothing, just like I do.

Now there has been a growing trend for people to actually take time to create an entertaining video. That's just stupid. Pointless video fodder is where it's at.

Sincerely yours,
Austin Bowyer

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Outdoors

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Despite conditions, students train for Birkie

By Aaron Giannobile
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Even though there isn't much snow and temperatures have recently plummeted, student cross-country skiers haven't stopped training for the 34th annual American Birkebeiner, or simply, the Birkie.

The race spans 51 kilometers from Cable to Hayward, Wis., on Feb. 24 and boasts itself as the largest ski marathon in North America.

Junior John Kallemeyn said he skis five days out of the week and runs on the other two to train for the race.

"In a normal year we have beautiful trails (in Duluth)," said Kallemeyn.

Senior J.J. Kelley has also been training for the Birkie and has had to make sacrifices.

"On the weekends, I chase the snow," said Kelley.

"If we had snow I

would
ski here
every weekend."

Both Kelley and Kallemeyn said they travel to locations such as Ironwood in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Boulder Lake and the Birkie trails.

"In my mind it's hard to justify driving," said

Kelley. "But for something you love, you have to make sacrifices."

The months of training and sacrifice will culminate as the skiers take off from the starting line and race towards the finish in front of thousands of spectators.

Last year Kallemeyn placed 68th overall after starting just behind the elites in the first wave of about 400 racers all vying for a front position on a 100-meter wide track.

He said he stayed back to avoid one of the many possible fates of starting with the herd: skiers' poles breaking, stabbing or whacking other skiers causing them to stop, trip or fall over. But it won't stop him from going for it again this year.

"The goal is always to improve your place," said Kallemeyn, who wants to place in the top 50 this year. "It's a good race and very exciting. The spectators all cheer for everyone who comes through the finish."

So far, Wisconsin and the Birkie have been plagued with scant amounts of snow fall and Kallemeyn said he believes they need more. Birkie officials have reported a 1 to 3-inch base along most of the trail.

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Junior John Kallemeyn waxes his skis before training.

A cold date will heat things up on Valentine's Day

By Luke Kavajecz, Matt Standal
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Tomorrow is Valentine's Day and while you may think you have to spend it watching a movie and passing your date some gummy bears, you could be spending it ice fishing and passing her or him a rod or taking a long hike under Duluth's starry skies.

There are plenty of romantic outdoor activities to get you and your loved one's heart rates pumping and if you're lucky, Lake Superior's snappy wind might just blow a kiss your way.

Fishing is one of the easiest choices. Get that ice house cozy and warm, pack some homemade food and while you both wait for that tip-up to rise, get close. There's no better awkward silence than what

ice fishing can give to spark some action. And if you're having trouble "breaking the ice," make her or him laugh by taking the first fish you catch and moving it up to say, "I love you." A crappie usually works best for this, and Boulder Lake has been a hot spot during the last two weeks.

Maybe a romantic sojourn or an evening of whimsy floats your boat? You and your true love could enjoy that and more while relaxing in the very private and decadent cabin of a luxury ice yacht.

That's right. Sip wine and laugh at Lake Superior's fury while zooming on razor sharp runners and sailing into the howling Valentine's Day winds (putting Isaac Hayes on the stereo is a plus). Just don't forget to hire an expert pilot so you can concentrate on what really matters—the "finer" things in life.

Want some fast vertical action? Take your loved one up to Spirit Mountain and ski or snowboard all day. Then stop in at the lodge and buy her or him some hot cocoa.

However, if you want to keep it horizontal and slippery, go ice skating at one of Duluth's many outdoor rinks. Grab your loved one's hand and skate circles under the lights until you fall and "accidentally" take her or him down with you. But if staying on your feet is an actual problem, resort back to your inner child for some old school hill sledding.

If you really want to get your heart pumping, cut a hole near the shoreline in one of Duluth's frozen lakes and go skinny dipping. But guys beware of hypothermia and other side effects associated with cold water. It tends to shrink your ability to think and function prop-

erly.

A hot sauna is another good way to get things heated up. If it gets too hot, run outside and roll around in the snow—clothing's optional.

These activities are sure to give your date a unique and special Valentine's Day. Don't do the same old thing. Let the outdoors woo her or him. Remember, a cold day is always a great excuse to go hot-tubbing.

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much for what they do.

Teachers, policemen, government officials and even doctors will make only a fraction of what a professional athlete often makes. Even President Bush's presidential salary over his entire eight years in office will be less than the average salary for NBA players last year, and he is the president of the most powerful country in the world.

However, we need to realize that professional sports are a business. Professional sports organizations and franchises generate a large amount of income. This money has to go somewhere.

As with any successful business, the ones who generate the means for success are often rewarded with a large income.

With the high incomes, come responsibilities for these athletes. Professional athletes should be held to a higher standard in the public eye. These athletes are seen as role models by many kids and should be expected to behave like them.

Though there are the Latrell Sprewells of the world who go around choking coaches and still have the nerve to say \$5 million isn't enough to raise a family.

On the other hand, many athletes do live up to these expectations and often donate portions of their income to charities and youth sports programs.

Fans continue to pay large amounts of money to go to a football game or a boxing match. Fans mimic their favorite players by spending over a \$100 on a replica of his or her jersey. The more fans that watch games on TV, the higher the advertisement costs become. What many fans don't understand is that they are partially responsible for the way professional sports has changed by providing the demand for success and the willingness to pay for it.

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been missed two weeks with a knee injury, but played last weekend with a custom fitted brace for her knee.

With the two teams neck and neck for second in the standings and playing for positioning in the WCHA tournament and the NCAA tournament, winning this series is important to the Bulldogs who were swept by the Gophers back in November.

With where they stand now, the Bulldogs No. 7 would likely play No. 2 Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament if it were to start today. The Bulldogs will play the No. 8 Gophers Feb. 17 and 18 for their final home games.

"It is very important with where we stand," said Koi-zumi. "We would rather play Wisconsin who we know a lot better."

With one big series this weekend and the WCHA playoffs the following weekend, much can change in the standings and the national rankings. The Bulldogs know the biggest challenge is still ahead.

"We need to take it game by game," said Marin. "If we give everything we have and work hard, good things will happen."

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Tee-time with Tajen

By Tajen Stockdale
Statesman Staff Reporter

•Athletes' contracts are getting out of control.

In the past decade and a half, the salaries of professional athletes have skyrocketed. It seems as though each year, the income of professional athletes continues to grow.

In 2006, according to Sports Illustrated Magazine, the average salary for an NBA player was \$5 million. Major League Baseball (MLB) players averaged \$2.8 million, while NFL players averaged \$1.75 million and athletes in the NHL averaged \$1.5 million. Professional baseball has seen over a 500 percent increase in average salaries in the past 17 years.

With these increasing salaries comes a whole new game. Rarely do professional athletes play their entire career with one team. Professional athletes these days seem to go wherever they will get paid the most. The business portion of professional sports is replacing traditional values like pride, camaraderie and loyalty.

In 2004, the entire nation, Yankees fans aside, fell in love with the Boston Red Sox after they won their first World Series title since 1918.

The team seemed like one big happy family that couldn't be broken up.

However, when the off-season came around, ace Pedro Martinez fled to greener pastures with the Mets. One season later, Johnny Damon signed with Red Sox hated rival, the Yankees. Money has replaced tradition. The trade of Wayne Gretzky from Edmonton to the Los Angeles Kings in 1988 for draft picks and \$15 million cash showed that even one of the greatest athletes of all time had a price.

The fact is that professional sports are part of the entertainment business. The easiest way to attract an audience is to win. While many owners love and respect the games they're involved in and often want to win for the pride, it is obvious that winning championships draws a larger crowd.

So, owners that are willing and able to pay an extraordinary amount of money buy the best players in the game.

The Los Angeles Galaxy recently signed David Beckham to a \$250 million contract, drawing him from Real Madrid, where soccer has a prominent audience, to America, where much smaller crowds watch Major League Soccer (MLS). The leading MLS contract paid the Galaxy's Landon Donovan \$900,000 in 2005. Beckham will make \$9 million in 2007.

The issue of money and tradition has hit NASCAR as well. Majority ownership of Dale Earnhardt Inc. is the issue between Teresa Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. right now that could break up the NASCAR rac-

ing team founded by Dale Earnhardt, one of the greatest and most respected NASCAR drivers in the history of the sport.

In the collective bargaining agreement from 2002, Major League Baseball penalized teams with higher salaries while giving a portion of income to teams with smaller salaries.

Unlike the NFL and NBA, Major League Baseball has no salary cap and teams like the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox have taken advantage of that. Being the two largest markets in the game and having the supporting fan base to go with, owners George Steinbrenner and John W. Henry are willing to pay the largest amounts for marquee players. The New York Yankees salary in 2006 was over \$198 million.

In 2006, the Yankees paid relief pitcher Kyle Farnsworth over \$5 million while going 3-6 with a 4.36 ERA. A set-up relief man who pitched only 66 innings made more money last year than American League MVP Justin Morneau will be making in 2007.

These contracts are ridiculous.

There was one point when only the best of the best were getting these outrageous contracts. Recent blow-out deals for Barry Zito and free agent outfielder Carlos Lee show that you don't have to be the best in the game to get rich quick.

Barry Zito just signed a seven-year \$126 million contract with the San Francisco Giants, the largest contract for a pitcher in baseball history.

Zito went 16-10 in 2006 with a 3.83 ERA. Twins fans should recognize the significance of this contract.

If Barry Zito can get a contract this large, imagine what two-time Cy Young winner Johan Santana, arguably the best pitcher in the game, will be offered or will expect when his contract expires in 2008.

Santana has said that he loves playing in Minnesota and would like to play his whole career here, but he also knows that this is a business. When it comes down to it, money will likely have an influence on Santana's decision of where to go after 2008.

Some professional athletes see just as much money come in through endorsements rather than their salaries in their respective sport.

Tiger Woods has made over a half a



AP PHOTO

Alex Rodriguez pauses as he autographs a children's book he wrote. Athletes have recently begun writing books which is yet another source of income.

billion dollars in his career as a golfing icon, but only 15 percent of that comes on the golf course, according to a GolfDigest.com article in Feb. 2006. The rest has come through endorsement contracts with Nike and other companies. Tiger Woods is projected to make over \$1 billion in his career if not in the coming years.

Giving professional athletes extraordinary contracts doesn't even guarantee success.

The New York Knicks had the highest payroll in the NBA in 2005-2006, but have been a sub .500 team for years. The New York Yankees have failed to win a World Series Title in seven years with the highest payroll of all MLB teams.

The Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, who inked a deal worth \$252 million over 10 years, is the highest paid baseball player in the game but has never won the World Series.

The Yankees 2006 payroll (\$198 million) is more than the Twins, Detroit's and Milwaukee's combined.

In late 2003, the Minnesota Timberwolves' made Kevin Garnett the highest paid player in the NBA with a five year deal worth \$100 million, but he's only made it past the first round of the playoffs once, only to lose in the Western Conference Finals. These are two examples of how investing large amounts of money on individual players in a team sport does not pay off.

At the same time, teams like the Oakland Athletics and Minnesota Twins continue to compete with low pay rolls. While professional sports continue to evolve in a capitalist fashion, the championships and success desired by rich owners with high payrolls is not always there.

Considering the income of the average American, many argue that professional athletes are paid far too

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Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Captains lead by example

By Adan Pachon Mueller
Statesman Staff Reporter

After a sixth consecutive win on Saturday, the UMD women's tennis team is enjoying a strong season.

Led by seniors Anna Hockett and Stacy Schulz, UMD improved to a 6-1 record with victories over Southwest Minnesota State University, Nebraska-Kearney and conference foes St. Cloud State this weekend.

Hockett is enthused about the way the season has turned out thus far.

"The team is doing oh just super," said Hockett. "We are playing loose and having a ton of fun together as a team."

Hockett finished third in the North Central Conference championships at No. 1 singles in 2006 and is having another strong season in 2007.

"We have a great group of girls; I really feel like if we continue to play one point at a time, we are going to have a great season," said Hockett.

After their early season success, the team has high expectations for the rest of the year.

"We have a young and talented team," said Schulz. "We keep improving as a whole and once regionals come around, I think we are going to surprise some people."

UMD's Coach Dan Doyle, who was the 2003 and 2004 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year, agreed with Schulz.

While the team may be led by seniors, freshman Brynne Wischer is also having a fantastic season. The doubles team of Wischer and fellow freshman Steph Keller are undefeated on the season.

"The season has been really fun," said Wischer. "All the girls get along so well; it makes me pumped to go to practice even."

Wischer also credits a lot of the success of the team to its Co-

Captains, Hockett and Schulz.

"They are the bomb," said Wischer. "They are the perfect seniors; they have been really nice and include everyone."

Coach Doyle agreed with Wischer that the captains are an important piece to the tennis team puzzle.

"They have the girls working really hard; they are great leaders on the court," said Coach Doyle.

The team has enjoyed their success this season despite a rigorous travel schedule, which only includes eight home matches, compared to 13 on the road.

On Saturday, the team had a 9 a.m. match in St. Cloud and had to drive up to Duluth for their match against Nebraska-Kearney at 6 p.m.

"It can get exhausting, but I always look forward to the road trips, being around the girls make it so much easier," said Hockett.

With roughly 25 fans in attendance throughout the matches on Saturday, the team hopes that more fans will come out to watch.

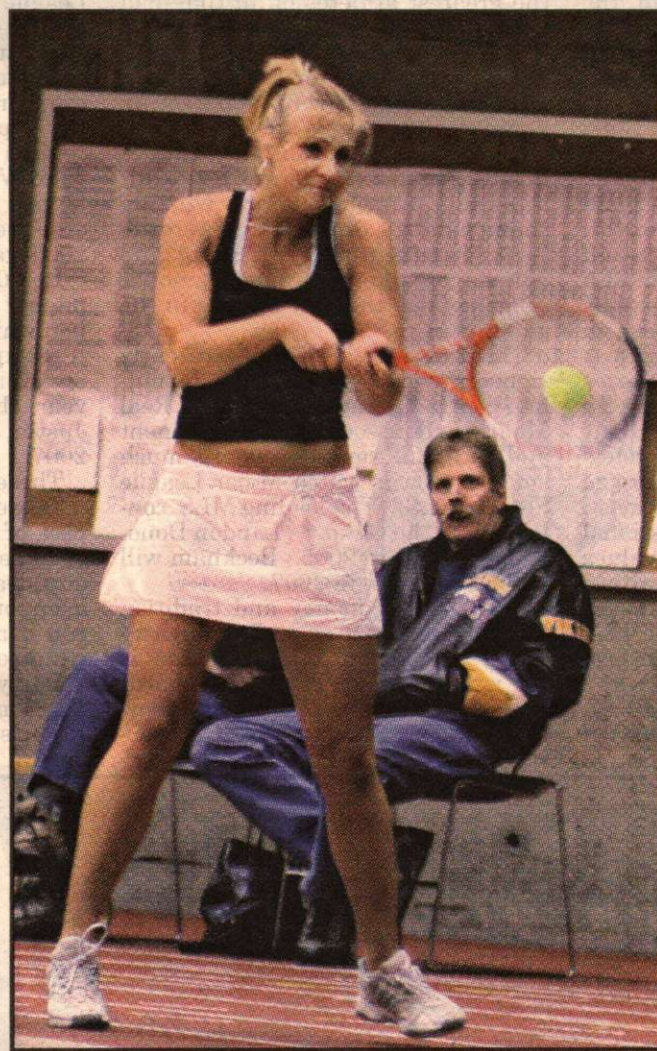
"I really love having a crowd, especially in singles; it's great to know everyone is behind you," said Schulz.

The team's next match is Feb. 17 at Minnesota State-Moorhead, but their next home match will be March 3 versus MSU-Mankato at 9 a.m. and a rematch versus MSU-Moorhead at 1 p.m.

Wischer and all the girls expect to continue their success and hope to see a big turnout at their next home match.

"Come out and support your UMD bulldog tennis," said Wischer. "We also have great outfits if that helps."

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Above: Anna Hockett returns a serve in her doubles match against Nebraska-Kearney on Saturday night.

Below: Hockett returns the ball in her singles match.



Bulldog women to host Gophers in critical series

By Jim Salmela
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In an injury-plagued season, the UMD women's hockey team still finds itself in second place in the WCHA with an opportunity to lock down the No. 2 seed if they beat the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers in a critical match-up Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Mars Lakeview Arena.

The Bulldogs come into the series with an 18-8-4 record (17-6-3, 37 pts. in WCHA). The Gophers have a record of 20-9-1 (17-8-1, 35 pts. in WCHA).

Despite their rash of injuries throughout the month of January and into February, the Bulldogs pulled together and rode a 10-game unbeaten streak. The Bulldogs could have easily folded, but instead they have flourished.

"Everyone is stepping it up," said senior forward Noemie Marin. "We didn't see it (injuries) as an excuse but an opportunity to show our character."

Marin leads the Bulldogs in goals (19) and points (36) this season and has been a stabilizing force for the Bulldogs through all the injuries the team has faced. The Bulldogs have gotten key contributions from a number of players and great goaltending from senior Riitta Schaublin and freshman Kim Martin.

"Lots of players have stepped up," said sophomore forward Tawni Mattila. "(All the injuries) have made us stronger and made players better."

The Bulldogs got some great news last week as senior forward Jessica Koizumi returned to the lineup against North Dakota. Koizumi scored a goal and an assist as the Bulldogs swept North Dakota 4-0 and 5-1 in Grand Forks. Koizumi had